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# Press Release

Kiowa Bennett Road now closed from CR 178 north to county line on the north end of Elbert County where paving project is currently underway. The 4 miles of road now closed through November 4, 2011. A specific detour is in place

Elbert County Road and Bridge closed the remaining 4 miles and set a detour route to aid drivers in shorter wait times during critical construction for the next 3 weeks. Weather patterns and safety concerns during this construction period made closing the road a critical step.

Elbert County, CO – At the end of business today, October 17, 2011, the remaining four miles of Kiowa Bennett Road that is currently under construction, will close through November 4 and re-open on November 5, 2011. A marked detour route will direct drivers to the alternate route in place for north and southbound traffic. The route will drive east from Kiowa Bennett on County Road 194 (county line) on the north end or County Road 178 on the south end, to County Road 65 known as Comanche Creek Road. North or South traffic on County Road 65 will then proceed west, back to Kiowa Bennett Road on the same. Each end of the detour is 3 miles making the total detour route 6 miles around the construction project.

Elbert County Road and Bridge looked at safety concerns, and weather patterns, along with increased construction wait times, for north and south bound drivers as cause for the closure during the next sequence of construction. Wait times are increasing for construction zones and are averaging 15 - 30 minutes. The detour should average drivers about 7 minutes. The detour will save time lost in the single lanes and heavy construction delays, and reduce hazards along the construction route during inclement weather.

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